



# **CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2018  
(Including Independent Auditor's Reports)**



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February 6, 2020

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
City of Dublin Board of Education

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Dublin Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements. We were not engaged to audit the financial statements of the Heart of Georgia College & Career Academy, Inc. These financial statements collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Because of the matter described in the "Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units" paragraph, we do not express an audit opinion on the Heart of Georgia College & Career Academy, Inc.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the

effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Except for the matter described in the “Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit paragraph, we believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Summary of Opinions***

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Unmodified
Discretely Presented Component Unit	Disclaimer
General Fund	Unmodified
Capital Projects Fund	Unmodified
Debt Service Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

### ***Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit***

The financial statements of Heart of Georgia College & Career Academy (Charter School) have not been audited, and we were not engaged to audit the Charter School’s financial statements as part of our audit of the School District’s basic financial statements. The Charter School’s financial activities are included in the School District’s basic financial statements as a discretely presented component unit.

### ***Disclaimer of Opinion***

Because of the significance of the matter described in the “Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Discretely Presented Component Unit paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the financial statements of the discretely presented component unit of the School District.

### ***Unmodified Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the School District as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Emphasis of Matter***

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, in 2018, the City of Dublin Board of Education adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*. The School District restated beginning net position for the effect of GASB Statement No. 75. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Since fiscal year 2011, the School District has maintained a general fund deficit. As of June 30, 2018, the School District had a general fund unassigned deficit fund balance of \$1.6 million, a capital projects fund deficit fund balance of \$51 thousand and a debt service fund deficit fund balance of \$1.2 million (Governmental Fund Statements). The School District also had a deficit unrestricted

net position of \$46.1 million (Government-wide Financial Statements) of which \$43.7 million of the deficit is related to the net pension and net OPEB liabilities. The liquidity note discusses the School District's deficit reduction plan as of the report date to address the accumulated fund balance deficit. The School District relies on tax anticipation notes to meet its cash flow needs related to operating expenses. The School District expects to be able to continue to obtain interim financing to meet cash flow needs as appropriate. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of these uncertainties. Our opinions are not modified with respect to these matters.

### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplementary information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### ***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards* is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 6, 2020 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A copy of this report has been filed as a permanent record in the office of the State Auditor and made available to the press of the State, as provided for by Official Code of Georgia Annotated section 50-6-24.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg S. Griffin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor



CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION – LAURENS COUNTY

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "A"

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	COMPONENT UNIT HEART OF GEORGIA COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY, INC.
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,427,370.05	\$ 6,160.91
Receivables, Net		
Interest	146.06	-
Taxes	889,324.70	-
State Government	1,585,066.15	-
Federal Government	822,276.24	-
Other	13,160.17	-
Inventories	50,750.25	-
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	1,969,200.50	-
Capital Assets, Depreciable (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	56,244,933.24	-
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Total Assets	63,002,227.36	6,160.91
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<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>		
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans	3,515,568.50	-
Related to OPEB Plan	706,181.00	-
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Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	4,221,749.50	-
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<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Payable	74,537.70	-
Salaries and Benefits Payable	2,338,510.68	-
Payroll Withholdings Payable	583,335.43	-
Short-Term Debt	3,635,200.00	-
Interest Payable	113,667.07	-
Deposits and Unearned Revenues	154,440.00	-
Net Pension Liability	20,939,881.00	-
Net OPEB Liability	20,997,805.00	-
Long-Term Liabilities		-
Due Within One Year	2,165,324.00	24,008.62
Due in More Than One Year	10,233,042.61	-
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Total Liabilities	61,235,743.49	24,008.62
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<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>		
Related to Defined Benefit Pension Plans	3,063,560.00	-
Related to OPEB Plan	2,907,041.00	-
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Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,970,601.00	-
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<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	45,815,767.13	-
Restricted for		
Continuation of Federal Programs	348,026.49	-
Unrestricted (Deficit)	(46,146,161.25)	(17,847.71)
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Total Net Position	\$ 17,632.37	\$ (17,847.71)
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CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>		
Instruction	\$ 15,620,045.12	\$ 111,635.13
Support Services		
Pupil Services	1,633,300.37	-
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,348,225.08	-
Educational Media Services	365,197.26	-
General Administration	475,522.76	-
School Administration	1,590,333.70	-
Business Administration	834,816.92	-
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	1,769,244.07	-
Student Transportation Services	1,011,711.38	-
Central Support Services	368,933.46	-
Other Support Services	55,033.62	-
Operations of Non-Instructional Services		
Enterprise Operations	40,870.16	-
Community Services	404.41	-
Food Services	1,658,067.27	16,977.57
Interest on Short-Term and Long-Term Debt	585,743.18	-
	<u>\$ 27,357,448.76</u>	<u>\$ 128,612.70</u>
Total Governmental Activities		
<u>COMPONENT UNIT</u>		
Heart of Georgia College & Career Academy, Inc.	<u>\$ 154,742.81</u>	
General Revenues		
Taxes		
Property Taxes		
For Maintenance and Operations		
Sales Taxes		
Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax		
For Debt Services		
Other Sales Tax		
Investment Earnings		
Miscellaneous		
Total General Revenues		
Change in Net Position		
Net Position - Beginning of Year - Restated		
Net Position - End of Year		

PROGRAM REVENUES		PRIMARY GOVERNMENT NET (EXPENSES)	COMPONENT UNIT
OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION	HEART OF GEORGIA COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY, INC.
\$ 11,064,415.18	\$ -	\$ (4,443,994.81)	
566,109.62	-	(1,067,190.75)	
953,395.59	-	(394,829.49)	
301,297.00	-	(63,900.26)	
872,958.99	-	397,436.23	
757,958.52	-	(832,375.18)	
6,748.21	-	(828,068.71)	
849,584.99	-	(919,659.08)	
127,777.05	77,216.25	(806,718.08)	
1,898.07	-	(367,035.39)	
20,923.58	-	(34,110.04)	
-	-	(40,870.16)	
-	-	(404.41)	
1,771,620.23	-	130,530.53	
-	-	(585,743.18)	
<u>\$ 17,294,687.03</u>	<u>\$ 77,216.25</u>	<u>(9,856,932.78)</u>	
			\$ <u>(154,742.81)</u>
		9,277,106.38	-
		2,638,810.05	-
		79,280.42	-
		1,192.58	-
		<u>474,694.62</u>	<u>161,839.82</u>
		<u>12,471,084.05</u>	<u>161,839.82</u>
		2,614,151.27	7,097.01
		<u>(2,596,518.90)</u>	<u>(24,944.72)</u>
		<u>\$ 17,632.37</u>	<u>\$ (17,847.71)</u>

## EXHIBIT "C"

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "D"

Total fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit "C") \$ (2,537,281.15)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Land	\$	1,686,200.50		
Construction in progress		283,000.00		
Buildings and improvements		66,494,609.61		
Equipment		4,563,399.72		
Land improvements		6,818,289.00		
Accumulated depreciation		<u>(21,631,365.09)</u>		58,214,133.74

Some liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Net pension liability	\$	(20,939,881.00)		
Net OPEB liability		<u>(20,997,805.00)</u>		(41,937,686.00)

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.

Related to pensions	\$	452,008.50		
Related to OPEB		<u>(2,200,860.00)</u>		(1,748,851.50)

Taxes that are not available to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.				524,667.22
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Long-term liabilities, and related accrued interest, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Bonds payable	\$	(8,940,000.00)		
Accrued interest payable		(98,983.33)		
Capital leases payable		(3,263,708.06)		
Unamortized bond premiums		<u>(194,658.55)</u>		<u>(12,497,349.94)</u>

Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "A")			\$	<u><u>17,632.37</u></u>
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CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF RERVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "E"

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 9,327,737.47	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,327,737.47
Sales Taxes	79,280.42	-	2,638,810.05	2,718,090.47
State Funds	11,985,237.86	-	-	11,985,237.86
Federal Funds	5,388,374.42	-	-	5,388,374.42
Charges for Services	128,612.70	-	-	128,612.70
Investment Earnings	204.61	40.82	947.15	1,192.58
Miscellaneous	474,694.62	-	-	474,694.62
Total Revenues	27,384,142.10	40.82	2,639,757.20	30,023,940.12
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	13,620,586.91	-	-	13,620,586.91
Support Services				
Pupil Services	1,644,511.95	-	-	1,644,511.95
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,362,728.69	-	-	1,362,728.69
Educational Media Services	369,465.08	-	-	369,465.08
General Administration	479,611.11	-	-	479,611.11
School Administration	1,606,407.42	-	-	1,606,407.42
Business Administration	838,438.80	-	-	838,438.80
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	2,111,183.05	-	-	2,111,183.05
Student Transportation Services	1,090,744.84	-	-	1,090,744.84
Central Support Services	274,907.37	127,477.00	-	402,384.37
Other Support Services	55,286.57	-	-	55,286.57
Enterprise Operations	40,870.16	-	-	40,870.16
Community Services	404.41	-	-	404.41
Food Services Operation	1,646,229.38	-	-	1,646,229.38
Capital Outlay	13,280.00	-	-	13,280.00
Debt Services				
Principal	-	48,230.06	2,690,000.00	2,738,230.06
Dues and Fees	-	-	24,525.14	24,525.14
Interest	-	6,020.34	633,134.61	639,154.95
Total Expenditures	25,154,655.74	181,727.40	3,347,659.75	28,684,042.89
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	2,229,486.36	(181,686.58)	(707,902.55)	1,339,897.23
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
Capital Leases	-	127,477.00	-	127,477.00
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,229,486.36	(54,209.58)	(707,902.55)	1,467,374.23
Fund Balances - Beginning	(3,473,934.58)	2,996.46	(533,717.26)	(4,004,655.38)
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ (1,244,448.22)	\$ (51,213.12)	\$ (1,241,619.81)	\$ (2,537,281.15)

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF  
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "F"

Net change in fund balances total governmental funds (Exhibit "E") \$ 1,467,374.23

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Capital outlay	\$ 228,937.00	
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,821,576.68)</u>	(1,592,639.68)

Taxes reported in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. (50,631.09)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and the acquisition cost of refunded debt when debt is first issued. These amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.

Capital leases issued	\$ (127,477.00)	
Bond principal retirements	1,400,000.00	
Capital lease payments	138,230.06	
Revenue bond payments	1,200,000.00	
Amortization of bond premium	<u>45,721.57</u>	2,656,474.63

District pension contributions are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds when made. However, they are reported as deferred outflows of resources in the Statement of Net Position because the reported net pension/OPEB liability is measured a year before the District's report date. Pension/OPEB expense, which is the change in the net pension/OPEB liability adjusted for changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, is reported in the Statement of Activities.

Pension expense	\$ 392,848.18	
OPEB expense	<u>(285,470.00)</u>	107,378.18

Some items reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Accrued interest on bonds		<u>26,195.00</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit "B") \$ 2,614,151.27



CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "G"

	AGENCY FUNDS
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<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ <u>64,242.45</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Funds Held for Others	\$ <u>64,242.45</u>

## **NOTE 1: DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REPORTING ENTITY**

### **REPORTING ENTITY**

The City of Dublin Board of Education (School District) was established under the laws of the State of Georgia and operates under the guidance of a board elected by the voters and a Superintendent appointed by the Board. The School District is organized as a separate legal entity and has the power to levy taxes and issue bonds. Its budget is not subject to approval by any other entity. Accordingly, the School District is a primary government and consists of all the organizations that compose its legal entity.

### **DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT UNIT**

The Heart of Georgia College & Career Academy, Inc. (Charter School) is a jointly authorized start-up charter school pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A.) §20-2-2060 et. Seq., the Charter Schools Act of 1998. The Charter is an agreement entered into by and between the City of Dublin and Laurens County Boards of Education and the State Board of Education to serve students in grades 9 through 12. The Charter School's mission is to improve public educational outcomes and ensure a viable 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce for the Heart of Georgia region. The financial statements of the Charter School have been included as a discretely presented component unit because they provide services to third-parties outside the school system. See notes 4 and 8 for additional component unit disclosures.

## **NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying financial statements of the School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The most significant of the School District's accounting policies are described below.

### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The School District's basic financial statements are collectively comprised of the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements and notes to the basic financial statements. The government-wide statements focus on the School District as a whole, while the fund financial statements focus on major funds. Each presentation provides valuable information that can be analyzed and compared between years and between governments to enhance the information's usefulness.

### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS:**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the financial activities of the overall School District and its component units, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The Statement of Net Position presents the School District's non-fiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in three categories as follows:

1. **Net investment in capital assets** consists of the School District's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and reduced by outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets. To the extent debt has been incurred but not yet expended for capital assets, such amounts are not included as a component of net investment in capital assets.
2. **Restricted net position** consists of resources for which the School District is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

3. **Unrestricted net position** consists of resources not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the School District's governmental activities.

Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses (expenses of the School District related to the administration and support of the School District's programs, such as office and maintenance personnel and accounting) are not allocated to programs.

Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

#### **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

The fund financial statements provide information about the School District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Separate financial statements are presented for governmental and fiduciary funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The general fund is the School District's primary operating fund. It accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.
- The capital projects fund accounts for and reports financial resources including Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) that are restricted, committed or assigned for capital outlay expenditures, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.
- The debt service fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned including taxes (sales) legally restricted for the payment of general long-term principal and interest.

The School District reports the following fiduciary fund type:

- Agency funds are used to report resources held by the School District in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

#### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The basis of accounting determines when transactions are reported on the financial statements. The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the School District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, sales taxes and grants. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the fiscal year in which the underlying transaction (sale) takes place. Revenue from grants is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The School District uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The School District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within sixty days after year-end. The School District considers all intergovernmental revenues to be available if they are collected within 120 days after year-end. Property taxes, sales taxes and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term liabilities and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The School District funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical grants, and general revenues. Thus, when program costs are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted resources available to finance the program. It is the School District's policy to first apply grant resources to such programs, followed by cost-reimbursement grants, then general revenues.

#### NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In fiscal year 2018, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*. This statement establishes standards for recognizing and measuring liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures. For defined benefit OPEB, this statement identifies the methods and assumptions that are required to be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. Note disclosure and required supplementary information requirements about defined benefit OPEB also are addressed. The adoption of this statement has a significant impact on the School District's financial statements. As noted in the Restatement of Net Position note disclosure, the School District restated beginning net position for the cumulative effect of this accounting change.

In fiscal year 2018, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*. This statement requires that a government that receives resources pursuant to an irrevocable split-interest agreement recognize assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at the inception of the agreement. Furthermore, this statement requires that a government recognize assets representing its beneficial interests in irrevocable split-interest agreements that are administered by a third party, if the government controls the present service capacity of the beneficial interests. This statement requires that a government recognize revenue when the resources become applicable to the reporting period. The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

In fiscal year 2018, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*. The objective of this statement is to address practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits [OPEB]). The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

In fiscal year 2018, the School District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*. The primary objective of this statement is to improve consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt by providing guidance for transactions in which cash and other monetary assets acquired with only existing resources—resources other than the proceeds of refunding debt—are placed in an irrevocable

trust for the sole purpose of extinguishing debt. This statement also improves accounting and financial reporting for prepaid insurance on debt that is extinguished and notes to financial statements for debt that is defeased in substance. The adoption of this statement does not have a significant impact on the School District's financial statements.

#### **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, investments in the State of Georgia local government investment pool (Georgia Fund 1) and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition in authorized financial institutions. Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) §45-8-14 authorizes the School District to deposit its funds in one or more solvent banks, insured Federal savings and loan associations or insured chartered building and loan associations.

#### **RECEIVABLES**

Receivables consist of amounts due from property and sales taxes, grant reimbursements due on Federal, State or other grants for expenditures made but not reimbursed and other receivables disclosed from information available. Receivables are recorded when either the asset or revenue recognition criteria has been met. Receivables recorded on the basic financial statements do not include any amounts which would necessitate the need for an allowance for uncollectible receivables.

Due to other funds and due from other funds consist of activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year.

#### **INVENTORIES**

##### **Food Inventories**

On the basic financial statements, inventories of donated food commodities used in the preparation of meals are reported at their Federally assigned value and purchased foods inventories are reported at cost (calculated on the first-in, first-out basis). The School District uses the consumption method to account for inventories whereby donated food commodities are recorded as an asset and as revenue when received, and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used. Purchased foods are recorded as an asset when purchased and expenses/expenditures are recorded as the inventory items are used.

#### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

On the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are recorded at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets are recorded at the acquisition value on the date donated. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend the useful lives of the assets is not capitalized. The School District does not capitalize book collections or works of art.

Capital acquisition and construction are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements at the time of purchase (including ancillary charges), and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line for all assets, except land, and is used to allocate the actual or estimated historical cost of capital assets over estimated useful lives.

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Capitalization thresholds and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life
Land	Any Amount	N/A
Land Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	20 to 80 years
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	10 to 80 years
Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	5 to 50 years
Intangible Assets	\$ 50,000.00	Determined at purchase date

#### DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, represents a consumption of resources that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of resources that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

#### LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND BOND DISCOUNTS/PREMIUMS

In the School District's government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. Bond premiums and discounts and the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying value of refunded debt are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. To conform to generally accepted accounting principles, bond premiums and discounts should be amortized using the effective interest method. The effect of this deviation is deemed to be immaterial to the fair presentation of the basic financial statements. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an outflow of resources in the fiscal year in which the bonds are issued.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the School District recognizes the proceeds of debt and premiums as other financing sources of the current period. Bond issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### PENSIONS

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

#### POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Georgia School Employees Postemployment Benefit Fund (School OPEB Fund) and additions to/deductions from School OPEB Fund fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by School OPEB Fund. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

## FUND BALANCES

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

The School District's fund balances are classified as follows:

**Nonspendable** consists of resources that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** consists of resources that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant constraints either (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** consists of resources that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board. The Board is the School District's highest level of decision-making authority, and the formal action that is required to be taken to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment is a resolution approved by the Board. Committed fund balance also should incorporate contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** consists of resources constrained by the School District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The intent should be expressed by (1) the Board or (2) the budget or finance committee, or the Superintendent, or designee, to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes.

**Unassigned** consists of resources within the general fund not meeting the definition of any aforementioned category. The general fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

## USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

## PROPERTY TAXES

The City of Dublin Board of Commissioners adopted the property tax levy for the 2017 tax digest year (calendar year) on October 5, 2017 (levy date) based on property values as of January 1, 2017. Taxes were due on December 29, 2017 (lien date). Taxes collected within the current fiscal year or within 60 days after year-end on the 2017 tax digest are reported as revenue in the governmental funds for fiscal year 2018. The Dublin City Clerk bills and collects the property taxes for the School District, withholds 2.5% of taxes collected as a fee for tax collection and remits the balance of taxes collected to the School District. Property tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, for maintenance and operations amounted to \$8,732,980.34.

The tax millage rate levied for the 2017 tax year (calendar year) for the School District was as follows (a mill equals \$1 per thousand dollars of assessed value):

School Operations	<u>19.705</u> mills
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Additionally, Title Ad Valorem Tax revenues, at the fund reporting level, amounted to \$594,757.13 during fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.



## **SALES TAXES**

Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), at the fund reporting level, during the year amounted to \$2,638,810.05 and is to be used for capital outlay for educational purposes or debt service. This sales tax was authorized by local referendum and the sales tax must be re-authorized at least every five years.

### **NOTE 3: BUDGETARY DATA**

The budget is a complete financial plan for the School District's fiscal year and is based upon careful estimates of expenditures together with probable funding sources. The budget is legally adopted each year for the general, debt service, and capital projects funds. There is no statutory prohibition regarding over expenditure of the budget at any level. The budget for all governmental funds, except the various school activity (principal) accounts, is prepared and adopted by fund and function. The legal level of budgetary control was established by the Board at the aggregate fund level. The budget for the general fund was prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary process begins with the School District's administration presenting an initial budget for the Board's review. The administration makes revisions as necessary based on the Board's guidelines, and a tentative budget is approved. After approval of this tentative budget by the Board, such budget is advertised at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality, as well as the School District's website. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board after advertisement, the Board receives comments on the tentative budget, makes revisions as necessary and adopts a final budget. The approved budget is then submitted, in accordance with provisions of O.C.G.A. §20-2-167(c), to the Georgia Department of Education. The Board may increase or decrease the budget at any time during the year. All unexpended budget authority lapses at fiscal year-end.

See the General Fund Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget to Actual in the Supplementary Information Section for a detail of any over/under expenditures during the fiscal year under review.

### **NOTE 4: DEPOSITS AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

#### **COLLATERALIZATION OF DEPOSITS**

O.C.G.A. § 45-8-12 provides that there shall not be on deposit at any time in any depository for a time longer than ten days a sum of money which has not been secured by surety bond, by guarantee of insurance, or by collateral. The aggregate of the face value of such surety bond and the market value of securities pledged shall be equal to not less than 110% of the public funds being secured after the deduction of the amount of deposit insurance. If a depository elects the pooled method (O.C.G.A. § 45-8-13.1) the aggregate of the market value of the securities pledged to secure a pool of public funds shall be not less than 110% of the daily pool balance.

Acceptable security for deposits consists of any one of or any combination of the following:

- (1) Surety bond signed by a surety company duly qualified and authorized to transact business within the State of Georgia,
- (2) Insurance on accounts provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation,
- (3) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other direct obligations of the United States or of the State of Georgia,
- (4) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations of the counties or municipalities of the State of Georgia,
- (5) Bonds of any public authority created by the laws of the State of Georgia, providing that the statute that created the authority authorized the use of the bonds for this purpose,



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- (6) Industrial revenue bonds and bonds of development authorities created by the laws of the State of Georgia, and
- (7) Bonds, bills, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations of a subsidiary corporation of the United States government, which are fully guaranteed by the United States government both as to principal and interest or debt obligations issued by or securities guaranteed by the Federal Land Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, the Farm Credit Banks, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association, and the Federal National Mortgage Association.

### CATEGORIZATION OF DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2018, the School District had deposits with a carrying amount of \$1,261,949.74, and a bank balance of \$1,485,698.02. The bank balances insured by Federal depository insurance were \$678,260.23 and the bank balances collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the School District's name were \$807,437.79.

Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents balances to carrying value of deposits:

Cash and cash equivalents	
Statement of Net Position	\$ 1,427,370.05
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position	<u>64,242.45</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,491,612.50
Less:	
Investment pools reported as cash and cash equivalents	
Georgia Fund 1	<u>229,662.76</u>
Total carrying value of deposits - June 30, 2018	<u><u>\$ 1,261,949.74</u></u>

### COMPONENT UNIT

At June 30, 2018, the Heart of Georgia College & Career Academy, Inc. had deposits with a carrying amount and bank balance of \$6,160.91. The bank balance was insured through Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

### CATEGORIZATION OF CASH EQUIVALENTS

The School District reported cash equivalents of \$229,662.76 in Georgia Fund 1, a local government investment pool, which is included in the cash balances above. Georgia Fund 1 is not registered with the SEC as an investment company and does not operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The investment is valued at the pool's share price, \$1.00 per share, which approximates fair value. The pool is an AAf rated investment pool by Standard and Poor's. The weighted average maturity of Georgia Fund 1 may not exceed 60 days. The weighted average maturity for Georgia Fund 1 on June 30, 2018, was 10 days.

Georgia Fund 1, administered by the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer, is not required to be categorized since the School District did not own any specific identifiable securities in the pool. The investment policy of the State of Georgia, Office of the State Treasurer for the Georgia Fund 1, does not provide for investment in derivatives or similar investments. Additional information on the Georgia Fund 1 is disclosed in the State of Georgia Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This audit can be obtained from the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts at [www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html](http://www.audits.ga.gov/SGD/CAFR.html).

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**NOTE 5: CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in the capital assets for governmental during the fiscal year:

	Balances July 1, 2017	Increases	Decreases	Balances June 30, 2018
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 1,686,200.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,686,200.50
Construction in Progress	283,000.00	-	-	283,000.00
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	1,969,200.50	-	-	1,969,200.50
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	66,494,609.61	-	-	66,494,609.61
Equipment	4,526,770.72	228,937.00	192,308.00	4,563,399.72
Land Improvements	6,818,289.00	-	-	6,818,289.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	14,905,798.66	1,312,636.57	-	16,218,435.23
Equipment	3,203,858.61	270,433.28	192,308.00	3,281,983.89
Land Improvements	1,892,439.14	238,506.83	-	2,130,945.97
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated, Net	57,837,572.92	(1,592,639.68)	-	56,244,933.24
Governmental Activity Capital Assets - Net	\$ 59,806,773.42	\$ (1,592,639.68)	\$ -	\$ 58,214,133.74

Current year depreciation expense by function is as follows:

Instruction	\$ 1,341,075.18
Support Services	
General Administration	\$ 91,078.83
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	189,281.22
Student Transportation Services	62,567.87
Food Services	342,927.92
	137,573.58
	\$ 1,821,576.68

**NOTE 6: INTERFUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**INTERFUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

Due to and due from other funds are recorded for interfund receivables and payables which arise from interfund transactions. Interfund balances at June 30, 2018, consisted of the following:

	Due From Other Funds	Due To Other Funds
General Fund	\$ 2,568,287.64	\$ -
Capital Projects Fund	-	231,712.64
Debt Service Fund	-	2,336,575.00
	\$ 2,568,287.64	\$ 2,568,287.64

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The capital projects fund plans to reimburse the general fund for loaning funds for allowable SPLOST expenditures. The debt service fund plans to reimburse the general fund for loaning a portion of the bond principal payments.

**NOTE 7: SHORT-TERM DEBT**

The School District issues tax anticipation notes in advance of property tax collections, depositing the proceeds in its general fund. This short-term debt is to provide cash for operations until property tax collections are received by the School District. Article IX, Section V, Paragraph V of the Constitution of the State of Georgia limits the aggregate amount of short-term debt to 75% of the total gross income from taxes collected in the preceding year and requires all short-term debt to be repaid no later than December 31 of the calendar year in which the debt was incurred.

Short-term debt activity for the fiscal year is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Issued	Redeemed	Ending Balance
Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 4,210,228.00	\$ 4,424,972.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 3,635,200.00

**NOTE 8: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The changes in long-term liabilities during the fiscal year for governmental activities were as follows:

	Governmental Activities				
	Balance			Balance	Due Within
	July 1, 2017	Additions	Deductions	June 30, 2018	One Year
General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds	\$ 10,340,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 8,940,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00
Unamortized Bond Premiums	240,380.12	-	45,721.57	194,658.55	45,721.57
Revenue Bonds	1,200,000.00	-	1,200,000.00	-	-
Capital Leases	3,274,461.12	127,477.00	138,230.06	3,263,708.06	119,602.43
	<u>\$ 15,054,841.24</u>	<u>\$ 127,477.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,783,951.63</u>	<u>\$ 12,398,366.61</u>	<u>\$ 2,165,324.00</u>
	Component Unit				
	Balance			Balance	Due Within
	July 1, 2017	Additions	Deductions	June 30, 2018	One Year
Promissory Note	\$ 51,178.87	\$ -	\$ 27,170.25	\$ 24,008.62	\$ 24,008.62

**GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OUTSTANDING**

The School District's bonded debt consists of various issues of general obligation bonds that are generally noncallable with interest payable semiannually. Bond proceeds primarily pay for acquiring or constructing capital facilities. The School District repays general obligation bonds from voter-approved sales taxes. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the School District.

Voters have authorized an additional \$3,910,000.00 in general obligation debt which was not issued as of June 30, 2018.

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General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

Description	Interest Rates	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
General Government - Series 2010	3.0% - 4.0%	4/22/2010	4/1/2021	\$ 9,755,000.00	\$ 4,855,000.00
General Government - Series 2011	2.5% - 4.0%	12/8/2011	4/1/2023	4,085,000.00	4,085,000.00
				<u>\$ 13,840,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,940,000.00</u>

The following schedule details debt service requirements to maturity for the School District's total general obligation bonds payable:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	General Obligation Debt		Unamortized Bond
	Principal	Interest	Premium
2019	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 330,600.00	\$ 45,721.57
2020	2,000,000.00	254,350.00	45,721.57
2021	1,905,000.00	175,600.00	45,721.57
2022	1,500,000.00	106,400.00	45,721.57
2023	1,535,000.00	61,400.00	11,772.27
Total Principal and Interest	<u>\$ 8,940,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 928,350.00</u>	<u>\$ 194,658.55</u>

## REVENUE BONDS

The School District entered into a contract with the Laurens County Public Facilities Authority, dated April 1, 2008, for the issuance of revenue bonds to provide funds to acquire, construct, and equip capital outlay projects of the School District. Under the terms of the contract, the Laurens County Public Facilities Authority issued \$4,500,000.00 less issuance costs of \$83,500.00 in revenue bonds on behalf of the School District. The obligation of the School District is absolute and unconditional so long as any of the bonds remain outstanding. Under the contract, the School District will recommend to the Mayor and Council of the City of Dublin, Georgia, to exercise its power of taxation to the extent necessary to pay the amounts required to be paid by the contract.

Debt currently outstanding under Revenue Bonds is as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Laurens County Public Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds	3.94%	4/30/2008	4/1/2018	\$ 4,500,000.00	\$ -

## CAPITAL LEASES

The School District has acquired a solar panel project and equipment under the provisions of various long-term lease agreements classified as capital leases for accounting purposes because they provide for a bargain purchase option or a transfer of ownership by the end of the lease term.

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The following assets were acquired through capital leases and are reflected in the capital asset note at fiscal year-end:

	Governmental Activities
Land Improvements	\$ 3,585,000.00
Equipment	248,954.87
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(865,640.86)</u>
	<u>\$ 2,968,314.01</u>

During the current fiscal year, the School District entered into a lease agreement as lessee for financing the acquisition of technology hardware equipment at a cost of \$127,477.00. This lease qualifies as a capital lease for accounting purposes, and, therefore, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of inception.

Capital leases currently outstanding are as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rates	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Solar Panel Lease	5.00 - 6.50%	1/29/2013	5/15/2037	\$ 3,585,000.00	\$ 3,160,000.00
Technology Hardware and Upgrades Lease	3.45%	9/30/2017	9/30/2022	<u>127,477.00</u>	<u>103,708.06</u>
				<u>\$ 3,712,477.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,263,708.06</u>

The following is a schedule of total capital lease payments:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	Principal	Interest
2019	\$ 119,602.43	\$ 198,067.69
2020	125,465.14	192,329.98
2021	131,358.11	186,437.01
2022	137,282.38	180,137.74
2023	115,000.00	173,850.00
2024 - 2028	690,000.00	754,912.00
2029 - 2033	945,000.00	502,287.50
2034 - 2037	<u>1,000,000.00</u>	<u>151,775.00</u>
Total Principal and Interest	<u>\$ 3,263,708.06</u>	<u>\$ 2,339,796.92</u>

#### PROMISSORY NOTE - COMPONENT UNIT

The Heart of Georgia College & Career Academy, Inc. (Charter School), a component unit of the School District, has entered into a lending agreement with a commercial lending institution. The debt currently outstanding, associated with this agreement is as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount Issued	Amount Outstanding
Promissory Note	5.25%	5/5/2015	7/31/2018	<u>\$ 105,520.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,008.62</u>

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The following is a schedule of total promissory notes payments:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2019	\$ <u>24,008.62</u>	\$ <u>1,260.45</u>

**NOTE 9: RISK MANAGEMENT**

**INSURANCE**

**Commercial Insurance**

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors or omissions; job related illness or injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Except as describe below, the School District carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceed commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

The School District is self-insured with regard to unemployment compensation claims. A premium is charged when needed by the general fund to each user program on the basis of the percentage of that fund's payroll to total payroll in order to cover estimated claims budgeted by management based on known claims and prior experience. The School District accounts for claims within the general fund as expenses/expenditures and liability being reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred, and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated.

Changes in the unemployment compensation claims liability during the last two fiscal years are as follows:

	<u>Beginning of Year Liability</u>	<u>Claims and Changes in Estimates</u>	<u>Claims Paid</u>	<u>End of Year Liability</u>
2017	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>2,549.00</u>	\$ <u>2,549.00</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
2018	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>4,672.16</u>	\$ <u>4,672.16</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

**SURETY BOND**

The School District purchased surety bonds to provide additional insurance coverage as follows:

<u>Position Covered</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Superintendent	\$ 50,000.00
Drivers Education	\$ 10,000.00

**NOTE 10: FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATION DETAILS**

The School District's financial statements include the following amounts presented in the aggregate at June 30, 2018:

Nonspendable	
Inventories	\$ 50,750.25
Restricted	
Continuation of Federal Programs	297,276.24
Unassigned	<u>(2,885,307.64)</u>
 Fund Balance, June 30, 2018	 \$ <u><u>(2,537,281.15)</u></u>

When multiple categories of fund balance are available for expenditure, the School District will start with the most restricted category and spend those funds first before moving down to the next category with available funds.

**NOTE 11: SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS**

**OPERATING LEASES**

The School District leases a bus workshop, fuel disbursement system and equipment under the provisions of one or more long-term lease agreements classified as operating leases for accounting purposes. Rental expenditures under the terms of the operating leases totaled \$37,200.00 for governmental activities for the year ended June 30, 2018. The following future minimum lease payments were required under operating leases at June 30, 2018:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Governmental Funds</u>
2019	\$ 23,700.00
2020	19,200.00
2021	19,200.00
2022	19,200.00
2023	<u>8,000.00</u>
 Total	 \$ <u><u>89,300.00</u></u>

**NOTE 12: SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

**FEDERAL GRANTS**

Amounts received or receivable principally from the Federal government are subject to audit and review by grantor agencies. This could result in requests for reimbursement to the grantor agency for any costs which are disallowed under grant terms. Any disallowances resulting from the grantor audit may become a liability of the School District. However, the School District believes that such disallowances, if any, will be immaterial to its overall financial position.

**LITIGATION**

The School District is a defendant in a Class Action case, MMT Holdings, LLC, et al v. City of Dublin School District and City of Dublin, Georgia, which files a complaint for refund of taxes and injunctive relief. The School District filed a motion for summary judgment and Plaintiffs filed a motion for partial summary judgment. The School District's motion was denied. The School District appealed that ruling to the Georgia Supreme Court and the Supreme Court ultimately transferred it to the Georgia Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals entered an order reversing the judgment and issuing a remittitur to the

Superior Court. The School District filed a motion to implement the decision of the Court of Appeals and disburse the proceeds of property taxes collected by the City of Dublin. The court issued an order upon remittitur granting summary judgment to the School District based on sovereign immunity, but leaving in effect the partial summary judgment granted against the City of Dublin finding that the ad valorem tax was illegally and erroneously assessed and collected, and that plaintiffs were entitled to a refund of the ad valorem tax. The School District believed that the court's latest decision failed to implement the decision of the Court of Appeals properly and appealed that decision to the Georgia Court of Appeals. That appeal was ultimately dismissed. The estimated amount of property tax that would be returned to the taxpayers is approximately \$1,000,000.00. These funds collected by the City of Dublin but not released to the School District were not recorded on the School District's financial statements.

**NOTE 13: OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)**

**GEORGIA SCHOOL PERSONNEL POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFIT FUND**

***Plan Description:*** Certified teachers and non-certified public school employees of the School District as defined in §20-2-875 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) are provided OPEB through the School OPEB Fund - a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment healthcare plan, reported as an employee trust fund and administered by a Board of Community Health (Board). Title 20 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms of the group health plan to the Board.

***Benefits Provided:*** The School OPEB Fund provides healthcare benefits for retirees and their dependents due under the group health plan for public school teachers, including librarians, other certified employees of public schools, regional educational service agencies and non-certified public school employees. Retiree medical eligibility is attained when an employee retires and is immediately eligible to draw a retirement annuity from Employees' Retirement System (ERS), Georgia Judicial Retirement System (JRS), Legislative Retirement System (LRS), Teachers Retirement System (TRS) or Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS). If elected, dependent coverage starts on the same day as retiree coverage. Medicare-eligible retirees are offered Standard and Premium Medicare Advantage plan options. Non-Medicare eligible retiree plan options include Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) and a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). The School OPEB Fund also pays for administrative expenses of the fund. By law, no other use of the assets of the School OPEB Fund is permitted.

***Contributions:*** As established by the Board, the School OPEB Fund is substantially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis; that is, annual cost of providing benefits will be financed in the same year as claims occur. Contributions to the School OPEB Fund from the School District were \$700,040.00 for the year ended June 30, 2018. Active employees are not required to contribute to the School OPEB Fund.

***OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

At June 30, 2018, the School District reported a liability of \$20,997,805.00 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2017. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016. An expected total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was actuarially determined based on employer contributions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. At June 30, 2017, the School District's proportion was 0.149451%, which was a decrease of 0.010414% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.



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For the year ended June 30, 2018, the School District recognized OPEB expense of \$985,510.00. At June 30, 2018, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	OPEB	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes of assumptions	\$ -	\$ 1,598,929.00
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	6,141.00	-
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	1,308,112.00
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>700,040.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 706,181.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,907,041.00</u>

School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$700,040.00 are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	OPEB
2019	\$ (521,313.00)
2020	\$ (521,313.00)
2021	\$ (521,313.00)
2022	\$ (521,313.00)
2023	\$ (522,849.00)
2024	\$ (292,799.00)

**Actuarial assumptions:** The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016 using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement and rolled forward to the measurement date of June 30, 2017:

**OPEB:**

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	3.25% – 7.00%, average, including inflation
ERS	4.50%, including inflation
JRS	4.50%, including inflation
LRS	None

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TRS	3.25 – 9.00%, including inflation
PSERS	N/A
Long-term expected rate of return	3.88%, compounded annually, net of investment expense, and including inflation
Healthcare cost trend rate	
Pre-Medicare Eligible	7.75%
Medicare Eligible	5.75%
Ultimate trend rate	
Pre-Medicare Eligible	5.00%
Medicare Eligible	5.00%
Year of Ultimate trend rate	2022

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale BB as follows:

- For ERS, JRS and LRS members: The RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB and set forward 2 years or both males and females is used for the period after service retirement and for dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB and set back 7 years for males and set forward 3 years for females is used for the period after disability retirement.
- For TRS members: The RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 1 year for males) is used for death after service retirement and beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward two years for males and four years for females) is used for death after disability retirement.
- For PSERS members: The RP-2000 Blue-Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 3 years for males and 2 years for females) is used for the period after service retirement and for beneficiaries of deceased members. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 5 years for both males and females) is used for the period after disability retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the pension systems, which covered the five-year period ending June 30, 2014.

Projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculation.

Additionally, there was a change that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement date. The methodology used to determine employee and retiree participation in the School OPEB Fund is based on their current or last employer payroll location. Current and former employees of public school districts, libraries, regional educational service agencies and community colleges are allocated to the School OPEB Fund irrespective of retirement system affiliation. In addition, the discount rate increased from 3.07% to 3.58%.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-term Expected Real Rate Return*</u>
Local Government Investment Pool	100.00%	1.13%

\*Rate shown in net to the 2.75% assumed inflation rate.

**Discount rate:** In order to measure the total OPEB liability for the School OPEB Fund, a single equivalent interest rate of 3.58% was used as the discount rate. This is comprised mainly of the yield or index rate for 20 year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA or higher (3.56% per the Bond Buyers Index). The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from members and from the employer will be made at the current level as averaged over the last five years, adjusted for annual projected changes in headcount. Projected future benefit payments for all current plan members were projected through 2115. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make OPEB payments for inactive employees through year 2029. Therefore, the calculated discount rate of 3.58% was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

**Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate:** The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 3.58%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.58%) or 1 percentage-point higher (4.58%) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (2.58%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (3.58%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (4.58%)</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 24,931,132.00	\$ 20,997,805.00	\$ 17,893,613.00

**Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates:** The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 17,404,788.00	\$ 20,997,805.00	\$ 25,675,907.00

**OPEB plan fiduciary net position:** Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which is publicly available at <https://sao.georgia.gov/comprehensive-annual-financial-reports>.

#### **NOTE 14: RETIREMENT PLANS**

The School District participates in various retirement plans administered by the State of Georgia, as further explained below.

##### **TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TRS)**

**Plan Description:** All teachers of the School District as defined in O.C.G.A §47-3-60 and certain other support personnel as defined by O.C.G.A. §47-3-63 are provided a pension through the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia (TRS). TRS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, is administered by the TRS Board of Trustees (TRS Board). Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. The Teachers Retirement System of Georgia issues a publicly available separate financial report that can be obtained at [www.trsga.com/publications](http://www.trsga.com/publications).

**Benefits Provided:** TRS provides service retirement, disability retirement, and death benefits. Normal retirement benefits are determined as 2% of the average of the employee's two highest paid consecutive years of service, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service up to 40 years. An employee is eligible for normal service retirement after 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, or after 10 years of service and attainment of age 60. Ten years of service is required for disability and death benefits eligibility. Disability benefits are based on the employee's creditable service and compensation up to the time of disability. Death benefits equal the amount that would be payable to the employee's beneficiary had the employee retired on the date of death. Death benefits are based on the employee's creditable service and compensation up to the date of death.

**Contributions:** Per Title 47 of the O.C.G.A., contribution requirements of active employees and participating employers, as actuarially determined, are established and may be amended by the TRS Board. Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Employees were required to contribute 6% of their annual pay during fiscal year 2018. The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2018 was 16.81% of annual School District payroll. For the current fiscal year, employer contributions to the pension plan were \$2,026,192.50 from the School District.

##### **PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSERS)**

**Plan description:** PSERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the Georgia General Assembly in 1969 for the purpose of providing retirement allowances for public school employees who are not eligible for membership in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. The ERS Board of Trustees, plus two additional trustees, administers PSERS. Title 47 of the O.C.G.A. assigns the authority to establish and amend the benefit provisions to the State Legislature. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at [www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs](http://www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs).

**Benefits provided:** A member may retire and elect to receive normal monthly retirement benefits after completion of ten years of creditable service and attainment of age 65. A member may choose to receive reduced benefits after age 60 and upon completion of ten years of service.

Upon retirement, the member will receive a monthly benefit of \$14.75, multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Death and disability benefits are also available through PSERS. Additionally, PSERS may make periodic cost-of-living adjustments to the monthly benefits. Upon termination of employment, member contributions with accumulated interest are refundable upon request by the member. However, if an otherwise vested member terminates and withdraws his/her member contribution, the member forfeits all rights to retirement benefits.

**Contributions:** The general assembly makes an annual appropriation to cover the employer contribution to PSERS on behalf of local school employees (bus drivers, cafeteria workers, and maintenance staff). The annual employer contribution required by statute is actuarially determined and paid directly to PSERS by the State Treasurer in accordance with O.C.G.A. §47-4-29(a) and 60(b). Contributions are expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Individuals who became members prior to July 1, 2012 contribute \$4 per month for nine months each fiscal year. Individuals who became members on or after July 1, 2012 contribute \$10 per month for nine months each fiscal year. The State of Georgia, although not the employer of PSERS members, is required by statute to make employer contributions actuarially determined and approved and certified by the PSERS Board of Trustees. The current fiscal year contribution was \$44,513.00.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

At June 30, 2018, the School District reported a liability of \$20,939,881.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for TRS.

The net pension liability for TRS was measured as of June 30, 2017. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on contributions to TRS and ERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

At June 30, 2017, the School District's TRS proportion was 0.112669%, which was an decrease of 0.013198% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

At June 30, 2018, the School District did not have a PSERS liability for a proportionate share of the net pension liability because of a Special Funding Situation with the State of Georgia, which is responsible for the net pension liability of the plan. The amount of the State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District is \$212,383.00.

The PSERS net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was based on an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016. An expected total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 was determined using standard roll-forward techniques. The State's proportion of the net pension liability associated with the School District was based on actuarially determined contributions paid by the State during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the School District recognized pension expense of \$1,637,002.00 for TRS and \$42,804.00 for PSERS and revenue of \$42,804.00 for PSERS. The revenue is support provided by the State of Georgia.

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At June 30, 2018, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	TRS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 783,281.00	\$ 79,025.00
Changes of assumptions	459,028.00	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	144,101.00
Changes in proportion and differences between School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	247,067.00	2,840,434.00
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,026,192.50	-
Total	\$ 3,515,568.50	\$ 3,063,560.00

The School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of \$2,026,192.50 for TRS are reported as deferred outflows of resources and will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	TRS
2019	\$ (792,533.00)
2020	\$ 342,174.00
2021	\$ (79,130.00)
2022	\$ (1,012,643.00)
2023	\$ (32,052.00)

**Actuarial assumptions:** The total pension liability as of June 30, 2017 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

***Teachers Retirement System:***

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	3.25% – 9.00%, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward one year for males) for service requirements and dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with Society of Actuaries'

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projection scale BB (set forward two years for males and four years for females) was used for the death after disability retirement. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

***Public School Employees Retirement System:***

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	N/A
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Blue-Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 3 years for males and 2 years for females) for the period after service retirements and for dependent beneficiaries. The RP-2000 Disabled Mortality projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 5 years for both males and females) was used for death after disability retirement. There is a margin for future mortality improvement in the tables used by the System. Based on the results of the most recent experience study adopted by the Board on December 17, 2015, the numbers of expected future deaths are 9-11% less than the actual number of deaths that occurred during the study period for healthy retirees and 9-11% less than expected under the selected table for disabled retirees. Rates of mortality in active service were based on the RP-2000 Employee Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014.

The long-term expected rate of return on TRS and PSERS pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset class	TRS Target allocation	PSERS Target allocation	Long-term expected real rate of return*
Fixed income	30.00%	30.00%	(0.50)%
Domestic large stocks	39.80%	37.20%	9.00%
Domestic mid stocks	3.70%	3.40%	12.00%
Domestic small stocks	1.50%	1.40%	13.50%
International developed market stocks	19.40%	17.80%	8.00%
International emerging market stocks	5.60%	5.20%	12.00%
Alternative	-	5.00%	10.50%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	

\* Rates shown are net of the 2.75% assumed rate of inflation

***Discount rate:*** The discount rate used to measure the total TRS and PSERS pension liability was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer and nonemployer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the TRS and PSERS pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit

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payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

***Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate:*** The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.50%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

<b>Teachers Retirement System:</b>	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 34,364,801.00	\$ 20,939,881.00	\$ 9,880,764.00

***Pension plan fiduciary net position:*** Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS and PSERS financial report which is publicly available at [www.trsga.com/publications](http://www.trsga.com/publications) and [www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs.html](http://www.ers.ga.gov/formspubs/formspubs.html).

**NOTE 15: RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR NET POSITION**

For fiscal year 2018, the School District made prior period adjustments due to the adoption of GASB Statement No. 75, as described in "New Accounting Pronouncements", which require the restatement of the June 30, 2017, net position in Governmental Activities. The result is a decrease in net position at July 1, 2017 of \$22,913,195.00. This change is in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures.

Net Position, July 1, 2017 as previously reported	\$ 20,316,676.10
Prior Period Adjustment - Implementation of GASB No. 75: Net OPEB Liability (measurement date)	(23,692,449.00)
Deferred Outflows - School District's Contributions made during fiscal year 2017	<u>779,254.00</u>
Net Position, July 1, 2017, as restated	<u>\$ (2,596,518.90)</u>

**NOTE 16: TAX ABATEMENTS**

Dublin-Laurens County Development Authority enters into property tax abatement agreements with local businesses for the purpose of attracting or retaining businesses within their jurisdictions. The abatements may be granted to any business located within or promising to relocate to Laurens County.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, City of Dublin abated property taxes due to the School District that were levied on October 5, 2017 and due on December 29, 2017 totaling \$769,840.23. Included in that amount abated, the following are individual tax abatement agreements that each exceeded 10 percent of the total amount abated:

- A 100 percent property tax abatement to a biomass-fueled power plant to increase employment and support additional jobs in the forest industry. The abatement amounted to \$412,524.86.
- A 100 percent property tax abatement to an automotive supplier to construct a new facility and increase employment. The abatement amounted to \$178,005.93.



**NOTE 17: DEFICIT FUND BALANCE OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS**

Funds reporting a deficit fund balance at the fiscal year end, are as follows:

<u>Fund Type/Fund Name</u>	<u>Deficit Balances</u>
General Fund	\$ 1,244,448.22
Capital Projects Fund	51,213.12
Debt Service Fund	<u>1,241,619.81</u>
	<u>\$ 2,537,281.15</u>

The School District provided a tentative budget to the Georgia Department of Education outlining anticipated expenditure reductions. The School District submits monthly financial reports and bank reconciliations to the Georgia Department of Education's Financial Review division combined with periodic meetings to monitor the deficit.

**NOTE 18: LIQUIDITY RISK**

Liquidity risk is the risk of not having sufficient liquid financial resources to meet obligations when they fall due. The School District faces liquidity risk regarding operating expenditures and long-term debt payment requirements.

As a result of multiple year operating deficits the School District accumulated a general fund unassigned fund balance deficit of \$1.6 million at June 30, 2018. As part of reporting and monitoring requirements, the School District files annual deficit reduction plans with the Georgia Department of Education. The fiscal year 2019 deficit reduction plan's goal is to reduce the general fund unassigned fund balance deficit by \$792 thousand. The general fund deficit fund balance has forced the School District to rely on tax anticipation notes to meet cash flow needs related to operating expenditures. The School District expects to be able to continue to utilize tax anticipation notes to meet current cash flow needs related to operating expenditures.

For fiscal year 2018, the School District incurred a \$1.2 million deficit fund balance in the debt service fund and \$51 thousand deficit in the capital projects fund. The annual bond and capital lease debt payment requirements exceeded annual SPLOST collections by \$738.6 thousand. However, in fiscal year 2019, SPLOST collections will exceed the annual bond and capital lease debt payment requirements by \$149.5 thousand. With annual SPLOST collections remaining stable and no other significant source of funding, the debt service fund will maintain a deficit fund balance through fiscal year 2021.

The City of Dublin levied a 2.25 bond property tax millage in fiscal year 2017 to help fund this revenue shortfall. This tax was determined to be illegally and erroneously assessed and collected. The \$1.0 million generated from the bond property tax was not disbursed to the School District. The absence of the bond property tax revenue raises risks regarding the School District's ability to meet long-term debt payment requirements without restructuring the long-term debt.

**NOTE 19: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

At June 30, 2018, the School District was a defendant in ongoing litigation concerning the legality of bond property tax imposed as well as the use of its Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) proceeds. The School District's latest appeal to the Georgia Court of Appeals for the legality of the bond property tax was ultimately dismissed. The parties are actively engaged in settlement discussions regarding the illegal use of SPLOST proceeds.

The School District's short-term debt (tax anticipation notes in advance of property tax collections) at July 1, 2018 was \$3,635,200.00. An additional \$1,364,800.00 was borrowed during the remainder of calendar year 2018, and the \$5,000,000.00 was repaid in December 2018. A total of \$2,100,000.00 was borrowed by June 30, 2018 and becomes due on December 31, 2019.

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION – LAURENS COUNTY  
NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2018

EXHIBIT "H"

**NOTE 20: COMPONENT UNIT**

The Heart of Georgia College & Career Academy, Inc. (Charter School) is a discretely presented component unit of the City of Dublin Board of Education (School District). During the year the School District paid \$118,087.56 for instruction expense on behalf of the Charter School. This amount is reflected as expense of the School District and included as revenue and expense of the component unit on the Statement of Activities. The Charter School was not audited and did not prepare official financial statements.

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CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "1"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2018	0.112669%	\$ 20,939,881.00	\$ -	\$ 20,939,881.00	\$ 12,936,988.92	161.86%	79.33%
2017	0.125867%	\$ 25,967,766.00	\$ -	\$ 25,967,766.00	\$ 13,808,103.41	188.06%	76.06%
2016	0.130616%	\$ 19,884,989.00	\$ 1,218.00	\$ 19,886,207.00	\$ 13,935,731.79	142.69%	81.44%
2015	0.137837%	\$ 17,413,887.00	\$ 74,412.00	\$ 17,488,299.00	\$ 14,216,882.08	122.49%	84.03%

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "2"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net pension liability	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2018	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 212,383.00	\$ 212,383.00	\$ 647,502.47	N/A	85.69%
2017	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 324,413.00	\$ 324,413.00	\$ 699,204.85	N/A	81.00%
2016	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 197,656.00	\$ 197,656.00	\$ 653,953.49	N/A	87.00%
2015	0.00%	\$ -	\$ 194,696.00	\$ 194,696.00	\$ 615,833.23	N/A	88.29%

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY  
SCHOOL OPEB FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "3"

Year Ended	School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	State of Georgia's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the School District	Total	School District's covered-employee payroll	School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered- employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability
2018	0.149451%	\$ 20,997,805.00	\$ -	\$ 20,997,805.00	\$ 12,094,905.84	173.61%	1.61%

The schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF GEORGIA  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "4"

Year Ended	Contractually required contribution (1)	Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	School District's covered payroll	Contribution as a percentage of covered payroll
2018	\$ 2,026,192.50	\$ 2,026,192.50	\$ -	\$ 12,053,494.83	16.81%
2017	\$ 1,846,108.32	\$ 1,846,108.32	\$ -	\$ 12,936,988.92	14.27%
2016	\$ 1,945,074.66	\$ 1,945,074.66	\$ -	\$ 13,808,103.41	14.09%
2015	\$ 1,832,548.73	\$ 1,832,548.73	\$ -	\$ 13,935,731.79	13.15%
2014	\$ 1,745,833.12	\$ 1,745,833.12	\$ -	\$ 14,216,882.08	12.28%
2013	\$ 1,687,641.93	\$ 1,687,641.93	\$ -	\$ 14,790,902.10	11.41%
2012	\$ 1,549,293.65	\$ 1,549,293.65	\$ -	\$ 15,070,949.90	10.28%
2011	\$ 1,609,593.00	\$ 1,609,593.00	\$ -	\$ 15,657,519.46	10.28%
2010	\$ 1,569,706.00	\$ 1,569,706.00	\$ -	\$ 16,116,078.03	9.74%
2009	\$ 1,461,107.13	\$ 1,461,107.13	\$ -	\$ 15,744,688.90	9.28%
2008	\$ 1,442,489.65	\$ 1,442,489.65	\$ -	\$ 15,544,069.50	9.28%

(1) For years ended 2015 and earlier, the contractually required contribution amount includes the amounts paid by the Georgia Department of Education on behalf of the School District.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS  
SCHOOL OPEB FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30

SCHEDULE "5"

Year Ended	Contractually required contribution	Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	Contribution deficiency (excess)	School District's covered-employee payroll	Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll
2018	\$ 700,040.00	\$ 700,040.00	\$ -	\$ 11,277,062.55	6.21%
2017	\$ 779,254.00	\$ 779,254.00	\$ -	\$ 12,094,905.84	6.44%



**Teachers Retirement System**

**Changes of assumptions:** In 2010 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2000 Mortality Tables rather than the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2010. In 2010, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In 2010, assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

On November 18, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement, disability, withdrawal and salary increases. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to RP-2000 White Collar Mortality Table with future mortality improvement projected to 2025 with the Society of Actuaries' projection scale BB (set forward one year for males).

**Public School Employees Retirement System**

**Changes of assumptions:** In 2010 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2000 Mortality Tables rather than the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2010. In 2010, rates of withdrawal, retirement, disability and mortality were adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

On December 17, 2015, the Board adopted recommended changes to the economic and demographic assumptions utilized by the System. Primary among the changes were the updates to rates of mortality, retirement and withdrawal. The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table projected to 2025 with projection scale BB (set forward 3 years for males and 2 years for females).

**School OPEB Fund**

**Changes of benefit terms:** In June 30, 2010 actuarial valuation, there was a change of benefit terms to require Medicare-eligible recipients to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan to receive the State subsidy.

**Changes in assumptions:** In the revised June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation, there was a change relating to employee allocation. Employees were previously allocated based on their Retirement System membership, and currently employees are allocated based on their current employer payroll location. Additionally, there were changes to the discount rate and an increase in the investment rate of return due to a longer-term investment strategy.

In the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation, decremental and underlying inflation assumptions were changed to reflect the Retirement Systems' experience studies.

In the June 30, 2012 actuarial valuation, a data audit was performed and data collection procedures and assumptions were changed.

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
GENERAL FUND  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE "7"

	NONAPPROPRIATED BUDGETS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL (1)	FINAL (1)	AMOUNTS	OVER/UNDER
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property Taxes	\$ 9,260,384.00	\$ 9,260,384.00	\$ 9,327,737.47	\$ 67,353.47
Sales Taxes	-	-	79,280.42	79,280.42
State Funds	12,039,902.81	12,000,642.78	11,985,237.86	(15,404.92)
Federal Funds	5,162,809.77	5,603,018.18	5,388,374.42	(214,643.76)
Charges for Services	15,050.00	16,875.00	128,612.70	111,737.70
Investment Earnings	-	-	204.61	204.61
Miscellaneous	300,000.00	300,000.00	474,694.62	174,694.62
Total Revenues	26,778,146.58	27,180,919.96	27,384,142.10	203,222.14
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Current				
Instruction	14,652,644.08	14,586,363.80	13,620,586.91	965,776.89
Support Services				
Pupil Services	1,369,630.00	1,391,543.00	1,644,511.95	(252,968.95)
Improvement of Instructional Services	1,413,637.00	1,356,984.00	1,362,728.69	(5,744.69)
Educational Media Services	450,906.00	451,181.00	369,465.08	81,715.92
General Administration	632,645.00	673,608.00	479,611.11	193,996.89
School Administration	1,326,547.00	1,337,697.00	1,606,407.42	(268,710.42)
Business Administration	817,880.00	817,880.00	838,438.80	(20,558.80)
Maintenance and Operation of Plant	2,105,350.00	2,111,825.00	2,111,183.05	641.95
Student Transportation Services	1,093,945.00	1,117,702.00	1,090,744.84	26,957.16
Central Support Services	442,937.00	442,937.00	274,907.37	168,029.63
Other Support Services	21,000.00	55,000.00	55,286.57	(286.57)
Enterprise Operations	-	-	40,870.16	(40,870.16)
Community Services	-	-	404.41	(404.41)
Food Services Operation	1,391,575.00	1,774,380.00	1,646,229.38	128,150.62
Capital Outlay	-	-	13,280.00	(13,280.00)
Total Expenditures	25,718,696.08	26,117,100.80	25,154,655.74	962,445.06
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	1,059,450.50	1,063,819.16	2,229,486.36	1,165,667.20
Fund Balances - Beginning	(3,610,770.41)	(3,455,137.64)	(3,473,934.58)	(18,796.94)
Adjustments	-	(43,679.31)	-	43,679.31
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ (2,551,319.91)	\$ (2,434,997.79)	\$ (1,244,448.22)	\$ 1,190,549.57

Notes to the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual

- (1) Original and Final Budget amounts do not include the budgeted revenues or expenditures of the various principal accounts. The actual revenues and expenditures of the various principal accounts are \$401,032.86 and \$381,600.10, respectively.

The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances budget and actual is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is the basis of accounting used in the presentation of the fund financial statements.

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE "8"

FUNDING AGENCY PROGRAM/GRANT	CFDA NUMBER	PASS- THROUGH ENTITY ID NUMBER	EXPENDITURES IN PERIOD
Agriculture, U. S. Department of			
Child Nutrition Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	18185GA324N1099	\$ 496,418.89
National School Lunch Program	10.555	18185GA324N1100	<u>1,281,296.35</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			1,777,715.24
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Food Services			
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	185GA324L1903	<u>848.25</u>
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			<u>1,778,563.49</u>
Education, U. S. Department of			
Special Education Cluster			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Special Education			
Grants to States	84.027	H027A170073	603,042.00
Preschool Grants	84.173	H173A170081	<u>17,624.00</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>620,666.00</u>
Other Programs			
Pass-Through From Georgia Department of Education			
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	V048A170010	42,142.00
Education for Homeless Children and Youth	84.196	S196A170011	44,668.00
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	S367A160001	14,203.69
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	S367A170001	117,292.06
Rural Education	84.358	S365B170010	42,924.00
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	S424A170011	42,765.34
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A160010	140,494.41
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	S010A170010	1,779,269.68
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	S287C160010	36,013.52
Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	S287C170010	<u>674,616.81</u>
Total Other Programs			<u>2,934,389.51</u>
Total U. S. Department of Education			<u>3,555,055.51</u>
Defense, U. S. Department of			
Direct			
Department of the Air Force			
R.O.T.C. Program			<u>98,830.27</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ <u><u>5,432,449.27</u></u>

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the City of Dublin Board of Education (the "Board") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2018. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Board, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of the Board.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The Board has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

See notes to the basic financial statements.

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF STATE REVENUE  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE "9"

AGENCY/FUNDING	GOVERNMENTAL	
	FUND TYPE	
	GENERAL	FUND
GRANTS		
Bright From the Start:		
Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning		
Pre-Kindergarten Program	\$	542,062.83
Education, Georgia Department of		
Quality Basic Education		
Direct Instructional Cost		
Kindergarten Program		627,677.00
Kindergarten Program - Early Intervention Program		320,491.00
Primary Grades (1-3) Program		1,620,966.00
Primary Grades - Early Intervention (1-3) Program		402,711.00
Upper Elementary Grades (4-5) Program		814,320.00
Upper Elementary Grades - Early Intervention (4-5) Program		155,275.00
Middle School (6-8) Program		1,224,870.00
High School General Education (9-12) Program		1,307,052.00
Vocational Laboratory (9-12) Program		352,237.00
Students with Disabilities		1,497,211.00
Gifted Student - Category VI		151,883.00
Remedial Education Program		84,233.00
Alternative Education Program		95,459.00
Media Center Program		240,600.00
20 Days Additional Instruction		75,709.00
Staff and Professional Development		38,893.00
Principal Staff and Professional Development		1,226.00
Indirect Cost		
Central Administration		417,318.00
School Administration		605,982.00
Facility Maintenance and Operations		532,268.00
Mid-term Adjustment Hold-Harmless		326,644.00
Amended Formula Adjustment		(179,653.00)
Charter System Adjustment		222,610.00
Categorical Grants		
Pupil Transportation		
Regular		156,780.00
Nursing Services		49,876.00
Other State Programs		
Food Services		51,958.00
Math and Science Supplements		28,324.53
Preschool Disability Services		63,593.00
Pupil Transportation - State Bonds		77,216.25
Teacher of the Year		507.25
Vocational Education		34,425.00
Office of the State Treasurer		
Public School Employees Retirement		44,513.00
	\$	<u>11,985,237.86</u>

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CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION - LAURENS COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF APPROVED LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROJECTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SCHEDULE "10"

PROJECT	ORIGINAL ESTIMATED COST (1)	CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS (2)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN CURRENT YEAR (3) (4)	AMOUNT EXPENDED IN PRIOR YEARS (3) (4)	TOTAL COMPLETION COST	EXCESS PROCEEDS NOT EXPENDED	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
<u>SPLOST II PROJECTS (January 1, 2013 - December 31,2017)</u>							
Acquisition of real property and construction, equipping and furnishing of new school buildings and facilities, including, but not limited to, a new elementary school including physical education and athletic facilities, and the completion of the new Dublin High School and auditorium; additions, renovations, repairs and improvements to existing school buildings and facilities, including, but not limited to Moore Street Elementary, Susie Dasher Elementary, Saxon Heights Elementary, Dublin Middle School, and Hillcrest Center; new physical education and athletic facilities for Dublin High School and Dublin Middle School, including, but not limited to, a tennis court complex at Dublin High School; technology equipment, school nutrition program equipment, and improvements throughout the City of Dublin School District; the acquisition of school vehicles, including, but not limited to, school buses and equipment; additions renovations, repairs and improvements to the central office building including, but not limited to, HVAC; and to retire previously incurred general obligation debt.	\$ 17,750,000.00	\$ 22,009,272.40	\$ 56,923.67	\$ 21,952,348.73	\$ 22,009,272.40	\$ -	Complete
<u>SPLOST III PROJECTS (January 1, 2018 - December 31,2022)</u>							
Payment of certain outstanding debt of the City of Dublin School District, including but not limited to payment of General Obligation Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2008, in an amount not to exceed \$1,223,640.00;	1,223,640.00	1,223,640.00	1,223,640.00	-	1,223,640.00	-	Complete
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$6,445,240.00;	6,445,240.00	6,445,240.00	1,525,100.00	-	-	-	6/30/2021
General Obligation Bonds, Series 2011, in an amount not to exceed \$4,714,950.00;	4,714,950.00	4,714,950.00	68,200.00	-	-	-	12/31/2022
Improvements, renovations, construction, furnishing and equipping existing school buildings and facilities including, but not limited to, Dublin High School, Dublin Middle School, Moore Street School, Susie Dasher Elementary, Saxon Heights Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary School and the central office building;	1,044,170.00	1,044,170.00	-	-	-	-	12/31/2022
The acquisition of school vehicles, including, but not limited to, school buses and transportation equipment;	250,000.00	250,000.00	-	-	-	-	12/31/2022
Technology equipment and upgrades; and	250,000.00	250,000.00	20,846.34	-	-	-	12/31/2022
The acquisition of certain property and equipment, including any heating and air conditioning equipment upgrades which may be subject to lease by the City of Dublin School District.	250,000.00	250,000.00	-	-	-	-	12/31/2022
	14,178,000.00	14,178,000.00	2,837,786.34	-	-	-	
	\$ 31,928,000.00	\$ 36,187,272.40	\$ 2,894,710.01	\$ 21,952,348.73	\$ 22,009,272.40	\$ -	

- (1) The School District's original cost estimate as specified in the resolution calling for the imposition of the Local Option Sales Tax.
- (2) The School District's current estimate of total cost for the projects. Includes all cost from project inception to completion.
- (3) The voters of Laurens County approved the imposition of a 1% sales tax to fund the above projects and retire associated debt. Amounts expended for these projects may include sales tax proceeds, state, local property taxes and/or other funds over the life of the projects.
- (4) In addition to the expenditures shown above, the School District has incurred interest to provide advance funding for the above projects as follows:
- |              |                        |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Prior Years  | \$ 2,092,200.00        |
| Current Year | <u>193,300.00</u>      |
| Total        | <u>\$ 2,285,500.00</u> |

## SECTION II

### COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL REPORTS



## DEPARTMENT OF AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS

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February 6, 2020

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
City of Dublin Board of Education

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Dublin Board of Education (School District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 6, 2020.

The financial statements of the Heart of Georgia & Career Academy, Inc. (Charter School) have not been audited, and we were not engaged to audit the Charter School's financial statements as part of our audit of the School District's basic financial statements. The Charter School's financial activities are included in the School District's basic financial statements as a discretely presented component unit.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.



Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs* as items FS 2018-001 and FS 2018-002, that we consider to be material weaknesses.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs* as item FS 2018-002.

### **School District's Response to Findings**

The School District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*. The School District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor



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STATE AUDITOR  
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February 6, 2020

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of Georgia  
Members of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia  
Members of the State Board of Education  
and  
Superintendent and Members of the  
City of Dublin Board of Education

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

#### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Dublin Board of Education's (School District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018. The School District's major federal programs are identified in the *Summary of Auditor's Results* section of the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*.

#### *Management's Responsibility*

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School District's compliance.

### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018.

### ***Other Matters***

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance, which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs* as item FA 2018-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

The School District's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*. The School District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

### ***Report on Internal Control over Compliance***

Management of the School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs* as item FA 2018-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

The School District's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*. The School District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

### SECTION III

#### AUDITEE'S RESPONSE TO PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION – LAURENS COUNTY  
AUDITEE'S RESPONSE  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
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PRIOR YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

**FS-7741-12-01                      Internal Controls at the Central Office**

**Control Category:**                      Cash and Cash Equivalents  
Employee Compensation  
Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements  
Revenues/Receivables/Receipts  
General Ledger

**Internal Control Impact:**              Material Weakness

**Compliance Impact:**                  None

**Finding Status:**                          Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented

**FS-7741-12-02                      Adoption of a Balanced Budget, Deficit Fund Balance**

**Control Category:**                      Budget Preparation/Execution

**Internal Control Impact:**              Material Weakness

**Compliance Impact:**                  None

**Finding Status:**                          Unresolved

During fiscal year 2016, the Board developed a new deficit elimination plan and presented it to the Georgia Department of Education. The plan calls for the closure of Saxon Heights Elementary School and moving 5<sup>th</sup> graders to Dublin Middle School to better use our facilities and resources as well as save money. Non-academic staff positions and operating expenses at Saxon are being eliminated. During fiscal year 2017, the Board anticipates reducing the deficit by over \$1.5 million.

**FS-7741-12-04                      Use of SPLOST Proceeds**

**Control Category:**                      Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements

**Internal Control Impact:**              None

**Compliance Impact:**                  Material Noncompliance

**Finding Status:**                          Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented

**FS 2013-001                        Internal Controls at the Central Office**

**Control Category:**                      Cash and Cash Equivalents  
Employee Compensation  
Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements

**Internal Control Impact:**              Material Weakness

**Compliance Impact:**                  None

**Finding Status:**                          Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented

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**FS 2013-002**                      **Deficit Fund Balance**

**Control Category:**                      Budget Preparation/Execution  
**Internal Control Impact:**              Material Weakness  
**Compliance Impact:**                  None  
**Finding Status:**                          Unresolved

During fiscal year 2016, the Board developed a new deficit elimination plan and presented it to the Georgia Department of Education. The plan calls for the closure of Saxon Heights Elementary School, and moving 5<sup>th</sup> graders to Dublin Middle School to better use our facilities and resources as well as save money. Non-academic staff positions and operating expenses at Saxon are being eliminated. During fiscal year 2017, the Board anticipates reducing the deficit by over \$1.5 million.

**FS 2013-004**                      **Use of SPLOST Proceeds**

**Control Category:**                      Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements  
**Internal Control Impact:**              Significant Deficiency  
**Compliance Impact:**                  Nonmaterial Noncompliance  
  
**Finding Status:**                          Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented

**FS 2014-001**                      **Internal Controls at the Central Office**

**Control Category:**                      Cash and Cash Equivalents  
                                                         Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements  
                                                         Employee Compensation  
**Internal Control Impact:**              Material Weakness  
**Compliance Impact:**                  None  
  
**Finding Status:**                          Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented

**FS 2014-002**                      **Deficit Fund Balance**

**Control Category:**                      Budget Preparation/Execution  
**Internal Control Impact:**              Material Weakness  
**Compliance Impact:**                  None  
  
**Finding Status:**                          Unresolved

During fiscal year 2016, the Board developed a new deficit elimination plan and presented it to the Georgia Department of Education. The plan calls for the closure of Saxon Heights Elementary School, and moving 5<sup>th</sup> graders to Dublin Middle School to better use our facilities and resources as well as save money. Non-academic staff positions and operating expenses at Saxon are being eliminated. During fiscal year 2017, the Board anticipates reducing the deficit by over \$1.5 million.

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<b>FS 2014-004</b>	<b><u>Use of SPLOST Proceeds</u></b>
<b>Control Category:</b>	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	None
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	Nonmaterial Noncompliance
<b>Finding Status:</b>	Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented
<b>FS 2015-001</b>	<b><u>Internal Controls at the Central Office</u></b>
<b>Control Category:</b>	Accounting Controls (Overall) Cash and Cash Equivalents Revenues/Receivables/Receipts Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements Employee Compensation
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	Significant Deficiency
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	None
<b>Finding Status:</b>	Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented
<b>FS 2015-002</b>	<b><u>Internal Controls Over School Activity Accounts</u></b>
<b>Control Category:</b>	Cash and Cash Equivalents Revenues/Receivables/Receipts Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	Significant Deficiency
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	None
<b>Finding Status:</b>	Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented
<b>FS 2015-004</b>	<b><u>Use of SPLOST Proceeds</u></b>
<b>Control Category:</b>	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	Material Weakness
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	Material Noncompliance
<b>Finding Status:</b>	Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented
<b>FS 2015-006</b>	<b><u>Adoption of a Balanced Budget, Deficit Fund Balance</u></b>
<b>Control Category:</b>	Budget Preparation/Execution
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	Material Weakness
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	Material Noncompliance
<b>Finding Status:</b>	Unresolved

The Board submitted a deficit elimination plan to the Georgia Department of Education in March 2016. The plan should reduce the deficit by over \$1.6 million each year. The Board has closed Saxon Heights Elementary School and made significant staff reductions. Property values in the City of Dublin were reassessed in 2015, resulting in an additional \$500,000.00 in tax revenue that is to be used exclusively for deficit reduction. In fiscal year 2017 the School District is budgeted to receive an



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increase in State QBE funding of \$627,000 of which 50% is earmarked for deficit reduction. No salary increases will be implemented for teachers or staff in fiscal year 2017. Reporting requirements applicable for deficit fund balances with the Georgia Department of Education are being followed.

**FS 2016-001**

**Internal Controls at the Central Office**

**Control Categories:** Accounting Controls (Overall)  
Cash and Cash Equivalents  
Revenues/Receivables/Receipts  
Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements  
**Internal Control Impact:** Significant Deficiency  
**Compliance Impact:** None  
**Finding Status:** Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented

**FS 2016-002**

**Internal Controls over School Activity Accounts**

**Control Categories:** Accounting Controls (Overall)  
Cash and Cash Equivalents  
Revenues/Receivables/Receipts  
Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements  
**Internal Control Impact:** Significant Deficiency  
**Compliance Impact:** None  
**Finding Status:** Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented

**FS 2016-004**

**Use of SPLOST Proceeds**

**Control Categories:** Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements  
**Internal Control Impact:** Material Weakness  
**Compliance Impact:** Material Noncompliance  
**Finding Status:** Previously Reported Corrective Action Plan Implemented

**FS 2016-006**

**Adoption of a Balanced Budget, Deficit Fund Balance**

**Control Categories:** Budget Preparation/Execution  
**Internal Control Impact:** Material Weakness  
**Compliance Impact:** Material Noncompliance  
**Finding Status:** Unresolved

The Board submitted a deficit elimination plan to the Georgia Department of Education in March 2016. The plan should reduce the deficit by over \$1.6 million each year. The Board has closed Saxon Heights Elementary School and made significant staff reductions. Property values in the City of Dublin were reassessed in 2015, resulting in an additional \$500,000.00 in tax revenue that is to be used exclusively for deficit reduction. In fiscal year 2017 the District is budgeted to receive an increase in State QBE funding of \$627,000 of which 50% is earmarked for deficit reduction. No salary increases will be implemented for teachers or staff in fiscal year 2017. Reporting requirements applicable for deficit fund balances with the Georgia Department of Education are being followed.

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<b>FS 2017-001</b>	<b><u>Internal Controls at the Central Office</u></b>
<b>Control Category:</b>	Cash and Cash Equivalents Revenues/Receivables/Receipts Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	Significant Deficiency
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	None
<b>Finding Status:</b>	Previously Corrective Action Plan Implemented
<b>FS 2017-002</b>	<b><u>Internal Controls Over School Activity Accounts</u></b>
<b>Control Category:</b>	Cash and Cash Equivalents Revenues/Receivables/Receipts Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	Significant Deficiency
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	None
<b>Finding Status:</b>	Previously Corrective Action Plan Implemented
<b>FS 2017-003</b>	<b><u>Use of SPLOST Proceeds</u></b>
<b>Control Category:</b>	Expenditures/Liabilities/Disbursements
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	Material Weakness
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	Material Noncompliance
<b>Finding Status:</b>	Previously Corrective Action Plan Implemented
<b>FS 2017-004</b>	<b><u>Adoption of a Balanced Budget, Deficit Fund Balance</u></b>
<b>Control Category:</b>	Budget Preparation/Execution
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	Material Weakness
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	Material Noncompliance
<b>Finding Status:</b>	Unresolved

The management of the School District will continue to follow the deficit elimination plan submitted to the Georgia Department of Education in March 2016. The deficit was reduced by over \$2.2 million in fiscal year 2018 and preliminary numbers submitted for fiscal year 2019 show continued significant improvement. No salary step increases were implemented in fiscal year 2018 or fiscal year 2019 for teachers and staff. Reporting requirements to the Georgia Department of Education applicable to school districts with deficit fund balances are being followed.

**PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

No matters were reported.

## SECTION IV

### FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION – LAURENS COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

**I SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issue:  
Governmental Activities; General Fund; Capital Projects Fund; Debt  
Service Fund; Aggregate Remaining Fund Information  
Discretely Presented Component Unit  
Unmodified  
Disclaimer

Internal control over financial reporting:  
▪ Material weaknesses identified? Yes  
▪ Significant deficiency identified? None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted: Yes

**Federal Awards**

Internal Control over major programs:  
▪ Material weakness identified? None Reported  
▪ Significant deficiency identified? Yes

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:  
All major programs  
Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in  
accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? Yes

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553, 10.555 84.010	Child Nutrition Cluster Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000.00

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? No

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## II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS 2018-001	<u>Internal Controls over Financial Reporting</u>
Control Category:	Financial Reporting
Internal Control Impact:	Material Weakness
Compliance Impact:	None

### Description:

The School District did not have adequate internal controls in place over the financial statement reporting process. The original financial statements, as presented for audit, contained material and significant errors and omissions.

### Criteria:

Management is responsible for having adequate controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The School District's internal controls over GAAP financial reporting should include adequately trained personnel with the knowledge, skills and experience to prepare GAAP based financial statements and include all disclosures as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* (Statement), requires governments to present government-wide and fund financial statements as well as a summary reconciliation of the (a) total governmental fund balances to the net position of governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position, and (b) total change in governmental fund balances to the change in the net position of governmental activities in the Statement of Activities. In addition, the statement requires information about the government's major and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, to be provided in the fund financial statements.

Chapter II Section 2 *Annual Financial Reporting* of the Financial Management for Georgia Local Units of Administration provides that School Districts must prepare their financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

### Condition:

The following errors and omissions were noted in the School District's financial statements, note disclosures and schedules as presented for audit:

- A reclassification entry totaling \$3,266,147.92 was proposed and accepted by the School District to properly classify net investment in capital assets, net position restricted for continuation of federal programs, net position restricted for capital projects, net position restricted for debt service and unrestricted net position.
- The School District did not properly record a new capital lease. An audit adjustment totaling \$103,708.06 was proposed and accepted by the client to correctly record the lease on the government-wide financial statements. A material audit adjustment totaling \$127,477.00 was proposed and accepted by the client to record expenditures and other financing sources in the capital projects fund.
- The School District did not record activity of the Heart of Georgia College & Career Academy, Inc. (Charter School) for the year ended June 30, 2018. An audit adjustment totaling \$185,848.44 was proposed and accepted by the client to correctly record cash, long-term liabilities, revenues, expenses and beginning net position for the School District's discretely presented component unit.
- Pension expense was understated by \$525,191.14 and deferred outflows related to defined benefit pension plans was overstated by \$525,191.14. An audit adjustment was proposed and accepted by the client to correct this error.

CITY OF DUBLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION – LAURENS COUNTY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

**II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

- The State Board of Education requires all school districts to submit a complete set of financial statements, ready for audit, by December 31. The School District did not submit the government-wide financial statements, note disclosures or supplementary information by this due date.
- Numerous other material and/or significant correction and reclassification entries were proposed and accepted by the School District to properly present the School District's financial statements, note disclosures, required supplementary information, and supplementary information.

**Cause:**

In discussing this deficiency with the School District, they stated that the cause was a direct result of limited time to accomplish operational duties as well as the preparation of the financial statements.

**Effect or Potential Effect:**

Material and significant misstatements were included in the financial statements presented for audit. The lack of controls and monitoring could impact the reporting of the School District's financial position and results of operations.

**Recommendation:**

The School District should strengthen procedures over the financial reporting process to ensure that the financial statements presented for audit, including note disclosures and supplemental information, are complete and accurate. These procedures should be performed by properly trained individuals possessing a thorough understanding of the applicable GAAP statements, GASB pronouncements and the School District's operations. The School District should also consider implementing the use of a review checklist to assist in the review process over the financial statements.

**Views of Responsible Officials:**

We concur with this finding.

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## II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FS 2018-002	<u>Adoption of a Balanced Budget, Deficit Fund Balances</u>
Control Category:	Budget Preparation/Execution
Internal Control Impact:	Material Weakness
Compliance Impact:	Material Noncompliance
Repeat of Prior Year Finding:	FS 2017-004, FS 2016-006, FS 2015-006, FS 2014-002, FS 2013-002, FS-7741-12-02

### Description:

At June 30, 2018, the general fund, capital projects fund and debt service fund reported deficit fund balances. The School District also failed to adopt a balanced general fund budget for fiscal year 2018.

### Criteria:

Chapter 25, *Governmental Fund Deficits* of the Financial Management for the Georgia Local Units of Administration states in part: “The seriousness of the fund balances deficits cannot be overstated. The Georgia Department of Education requires those LUAs with deficit governmental fund balances to meet certain reporting requirements.”

Chapter 32, *Preparing Operating Budgets* of the Financial Management for the Georgia Local Units of Administration states in part: “The budget must be balanced for all budgeted funds. Total anticipated revenues should equal total estimated expenditures. In the event anticipated revenues are insufficient to fund anticipated essential expenditures, a portion of unreserved fund balance from previous years must be used to fund the short fall. In the event there is insufficient unreserved fund balance from previous years to fund anticipated expenditures, then such expenditures must be reduced to equal anticipated revenues plus available unreserved fund balance.”

The Department of Audits and Accounts is required to report all instances of budget deficits in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §20-2-67(a) which states: “When an audit by the Department of Audits and Accounts finds and reports irregularities or budget deficits in the fund accounting information regarding a local school system or a school within a local school system, the Department of Audits and Accounts shall report the findings of irregularities or budget deficits to the State Board of Education and the local board of education.”

### Condition:

The School District’s general fund, capital projects fund and debt service fund reported a deficit unassigned fund balance of \$1,592,474.71, \$51,213.12 and \$1,241,619.81, respectively. In addition, the School district’s original and final budgets for the general fund were not balanced. Total anticipated revenues and beginning fund balance did not equal or exceed total estimated expenditures.

### Cause:

In discussing this deficiency with the School District, they stated that they started the 2018 fiscal year with a \$3,473,934.58 deficit in the general fund due to a failure to use effective budgeting techniques in prior years. Also, funds collected for a bond property tax assessed in the previous fiscal year could not be disbursed to the School District due to ongoing litigation.

### Effect or Potential Effect:

The fund balances of the general fund, capital projects fund and debt service fund were not sufficient to meet the funds’ obligations at June 30, 2018. This is a financial statement irregularity in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A) §20-2-67.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

**II FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**Recommendation:**

The School District should continue to monitor and execute the successful implementation of their deficit reduction plan to ensure that expenditures do not exceed availability of resources so that in future periods the School District does not report a deficit fund balance. In addition, appropriate procedures should be implemented to ensure that the adopted budget for each budgeted fund is balanced as required.

**Views of Responsible Officials:**

We concur with this finding.



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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

**III FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

FA 2018-001	<u>Controls over Equipment</u>
Compliance Requirement:	Equipment and Real Property Management
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	Nonmaterial Noncompliance
Federal Awarding Agency:	U.S. Department of Agriculture
Pass-Through Entity:	Georgia Department of Education
CFDA Number and Title:	10.553 and 10.555 Child Nutrition Cluster
Federal Award Number:	18185GA324N1099 18185GA324N1100
Questioned Costs:	None Identified

Description:

The policies and procedures of the School District did not provide adequate internal controls over equipment and real property management as it relates to the Child Nutrition Cluster.

Criteria:

2 CFR 200.313(d)(1) states, "Property records must be maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the property (including the FAIN), who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property." In addition, 2 CFR 200.313(d)(2) states, "A physical inventory of the property must be taken, and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years."

Condition:

The following deficiencies were noted when reviewing the Child Nutrition Cluster equipment listing and physically locating equipment items:

- Eight out of the seventeen equipment items selected from property records for testing could not be physically located. There was no documentation of the items being sold, donated to another entity or scrapped.
- Six equipment items found during a physical inspection of lunchroom equipment were not recorded in the property records.
- Property records did not consistently include the following required components for all items: (1) A serial number or other identification number, (2) the source of funding for the property (including the FAIN), (3) who holds the title, (4) acquisition date, (5) cost of the property, (6) percentage of federal participation in the project costs for the federal award under which the property was acquired, (7) the location, (8) condition of the property, and (9) any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and the sale price of the property.
- Although a physical inventory was performed, the property records for the equipment items were not updated to reflect the results.

Cause:

In discussing this deficiency with the School District, they stated that these issues were a result of turnover at the School District and a lack of communication between the School Nutrition Department and Maintenance Department.

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**Effect or Potential Effect:**

Failure to maintain a complete and accurate equipment listing and reconcile results of the physical inventory performed to the property records exposes the School District to unnecessary risk of error and misuse of equipment and/or Federal funds. Additionally, the School District is not in compliance with the Uniform Guidance and Georgia Department of Education guidance.

**Recommendation:**

The School District should strengthen controls over Child Nutrition Cluster equipment to ensure that the equipment records are complete and accurate. Management should develop and maintain an equipment listing that reflects all required information, including a description, an identifying number, the source of funding, the title holder, the acquisition date, the cost, the percentage of federal participation in the project costs, the location, the use and condition, and any ultimate disposal data for each piece of equipment. In addition, management should implement controls to ensure that a physical inventory of equipment is performed at least once every two years and that the property records are updated.

**Views of Responsible Officials:**

We concur with this finding.

## SECTION V

### MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION

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**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

<b>FS 2018-001</b>	<u><b>Internal Controls over Financial Reporting</b></u>
<b>Control Category:</b>	<b>Financial Reporting</b>
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	<b>Material Weakness</b>
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	<b>None</b>

The School District did not have adequate internal controls in place over the financial statement reporting process. The original financial statements, as presented for audit, contained material and significant errors and omissions.

**Corrective Action Plans:**

Management will develop and implement internal controls over the financial statement reporting process. Management will also ensure that the complete set of financial statements will be submitted by the December deadline.

Estimated Completion Date: Fiscal year 2019

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<b>FS 2018-002</b>	<u><b>Adoption of a Balanced Budget, Deficit Fund Balances</b></u>
<b>Control Category:</b>	<b>Budget Preparation/Execution</b>
<b>Internal Control Impact:</b>	<b>Material Weakness</b>
<b>Compliance Impact:</b>	<b>Material Noncompliance</b>
<b>Repeat of Prior Year Finding:</b>	<b>FS 2017-004, FS 2016-006, FS 2015-006, FS 2014-002, FS 2013-002, FS-7741-12-02</b>

At June 30, 2018, the general fund, capital projects fund and debt service fund reported deficit fund balances. The School District also failed to adopt a balanced general fund budget for fiscal year 2018.



**Corrective Action Plans:**

Management will continue to follow the deficit elimination plan submitted to the Georgia Department of Education in March 2016. The Deficit was reduced by over \$1.4 million in fiscal year 2018 and preliminary numbers submitted for fiscal year 2019 show continued significant improvement. No salary step increases were implemented in fiscal year 2019 for teachers or staff. Reporting requirements to the Georgia Department of Education applicable for school districts with deficit fund balances are being followed.

Estimated Completion Date: Fiscal year 2021

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS

FA 2018-001	<u>Controls over Equipment</u>
Compliance Requirement:	Equipment and Real Property Management
Internal Control Impact:	Significant Deficiency
Compliance Impact:	Nonmaterial Noncompliance
Federal Awarding Agency:	U.S. Department of Agriculture
Pass-Through Entity:	Georgia Department of Education
CFDA Number and Title:	10.553 and 10.555 Child Nutrition Cluster
Federal Award Number:	18185GA324N1009
	18185GA324N1100
Questioned Costs:	None Identified

The policies and procedures of the School District did not provide adequate internal controls over equipment and real property management as it relates to the Child Nutrition Cluster.

**Corrective Action Plans:**

Procedures will be implemented to ensure the Child Nutrition Cluster equipment listing contains all required information. In addition, procedures will be implemented to ensure that physical inventories are reconciled to the equipment listing.

Estimated Completion Date: Fiscal year 2019

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